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Application No. 09/855,235

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In re Application of HALL et al.)	
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Application No.: 09/855,235)	
)	Examiner: Carol Chaney
Filed: May 14, 2001)	
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For: LITHIUM ION BATTERY PASSIVE CHARGE EQUALIZATION		

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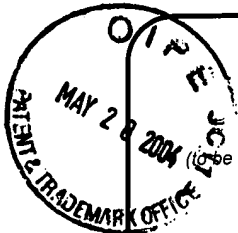
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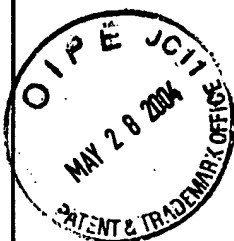
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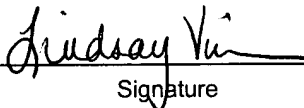
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